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# Objectives

1. Describe newly standardized local public health agency governance categorizations (developed in comparison with classification of LHDs at the state level)
2. Geographically display the classification of each local health department (LHD) based on NACCHO's classification system
  - Use GIS shape files in depicting LHD jurisdictions

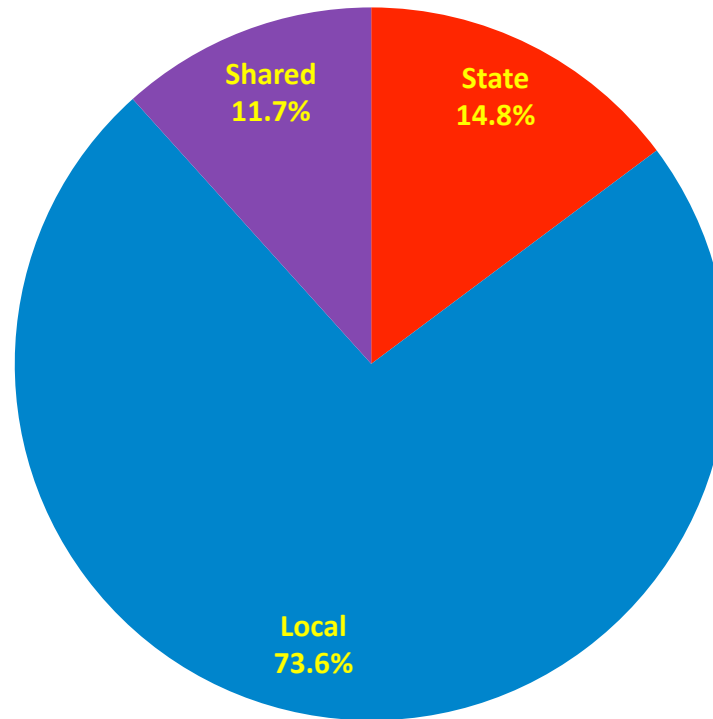


## Background and Methods – LHD Governance Category

- Characteristic of LHDs that indicates relationship between state and local health departments with respect to important aspects of governance of LHDs.
- Governance category is of great interest to students of PHSSR, policy makers and practitioners to predict and understand patterns of local public health policy and practice .
- Originally, NACCHO operationalized the governance variable with two categories – (a) unit of state government, (b) unit of local government.
- The new, standardized classification of LHDs uses three categories – (a) state governance, (b) local governance, (c) shared governance.
- NACCHO worked with ASTHO, SACCHO's and LHDs (where needed), to develop and verify each LHD's type of governance.



## Distribution of LHDs by New Governance Categories\*



\* Data Source: 2008 National Profile of LHDs Study.

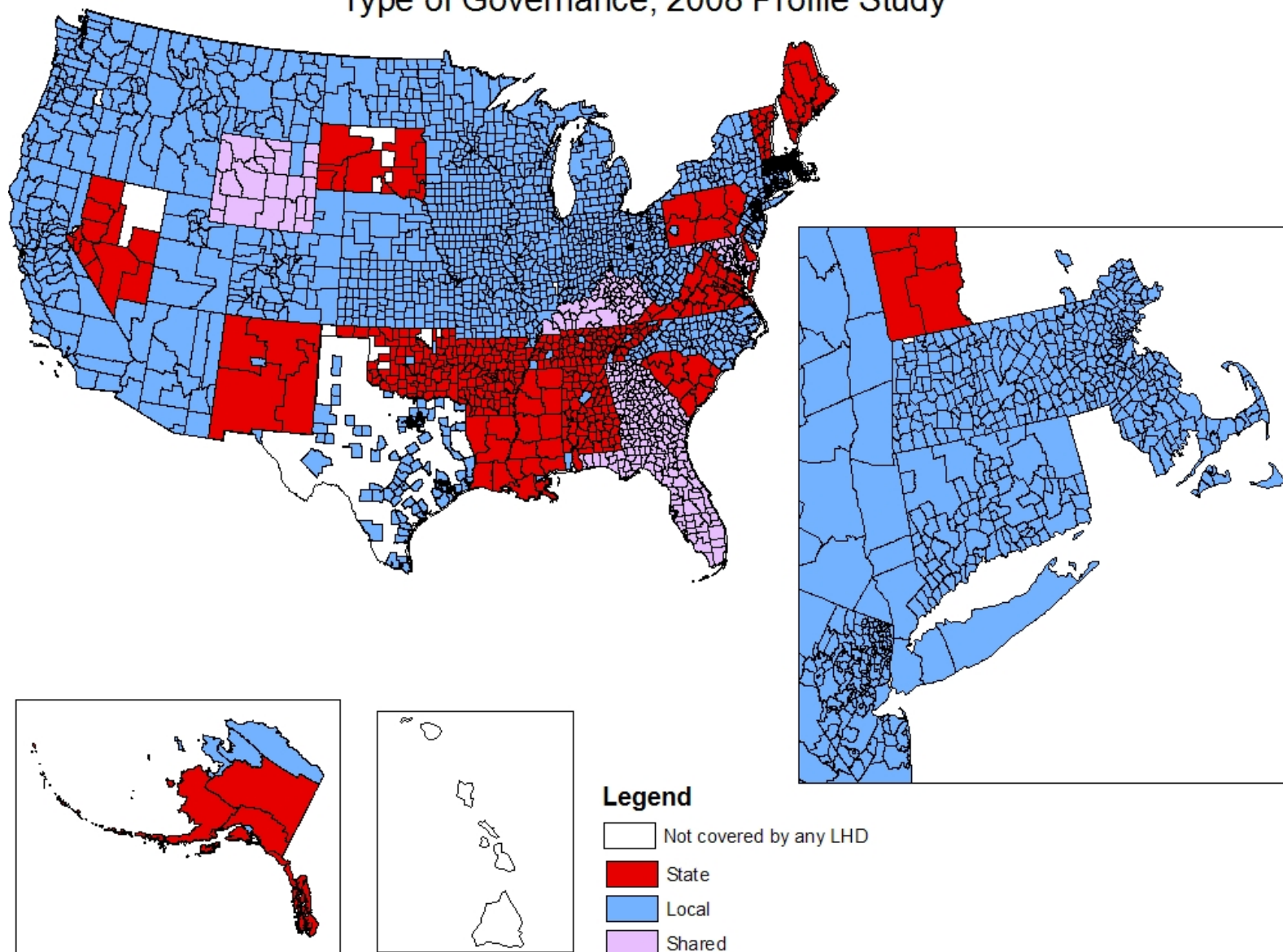
The figure reflects all 2794 LHDs that, at the time of the Profile Survey, met NACCHO's definition of an LHD



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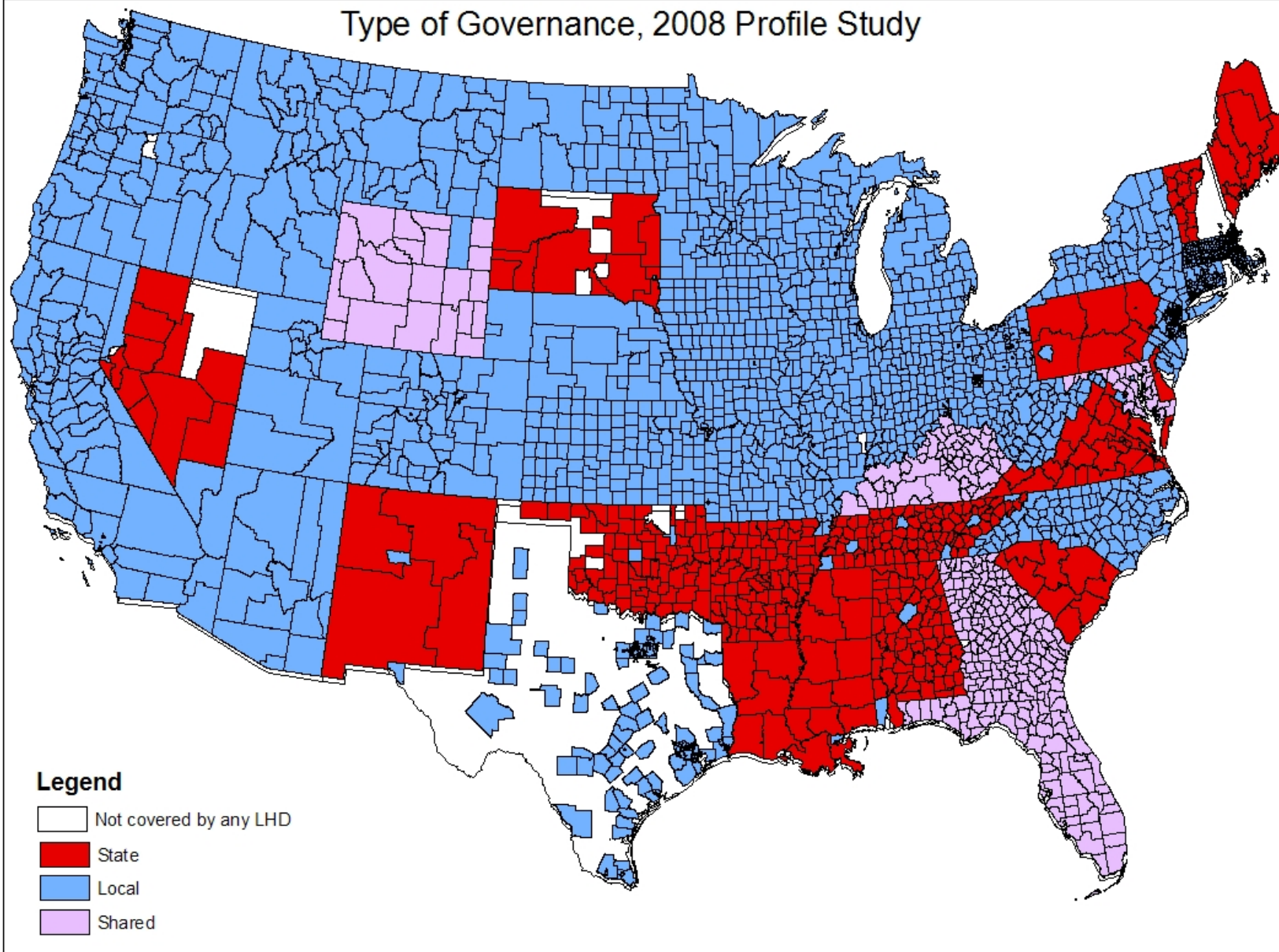
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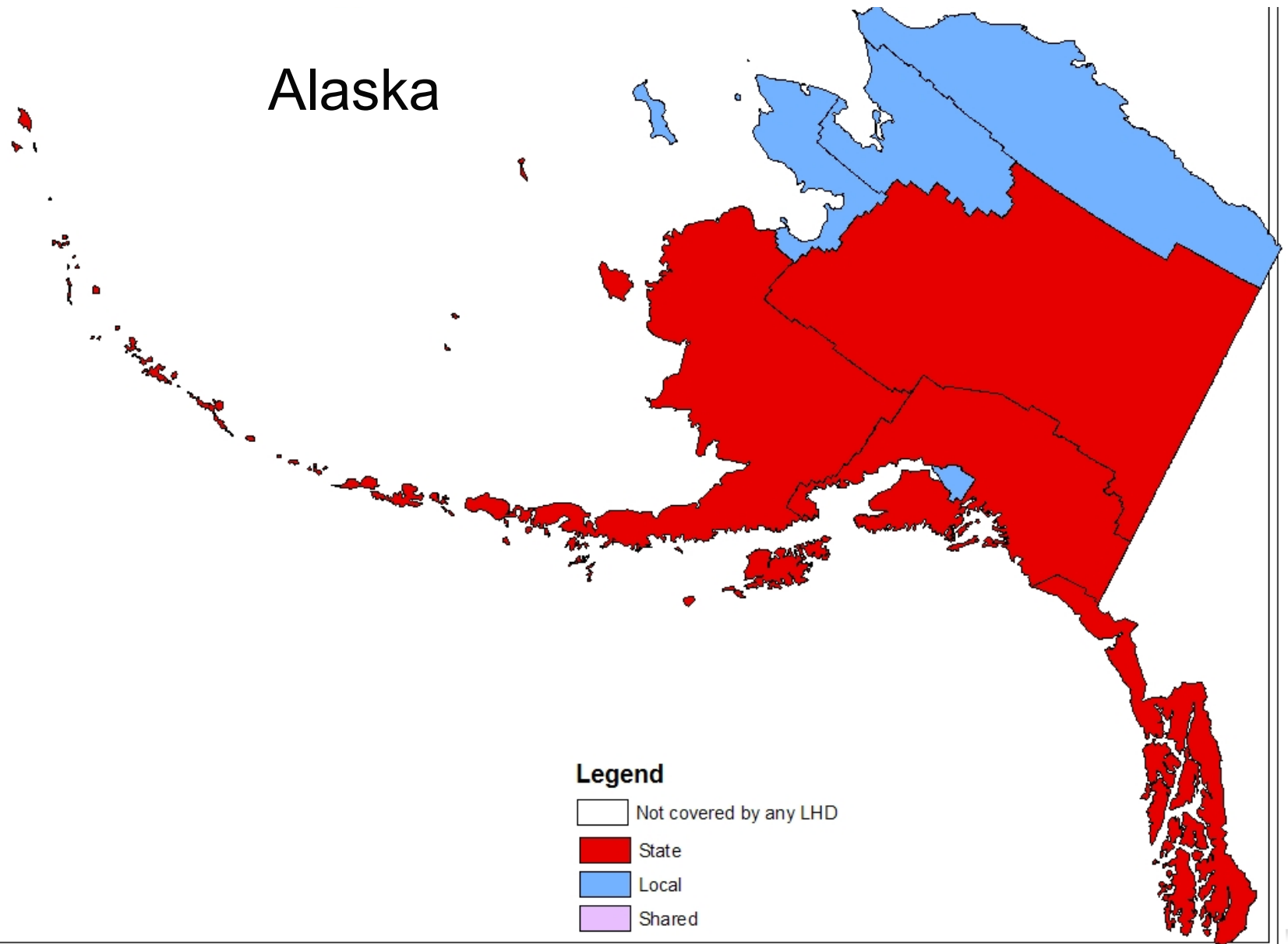


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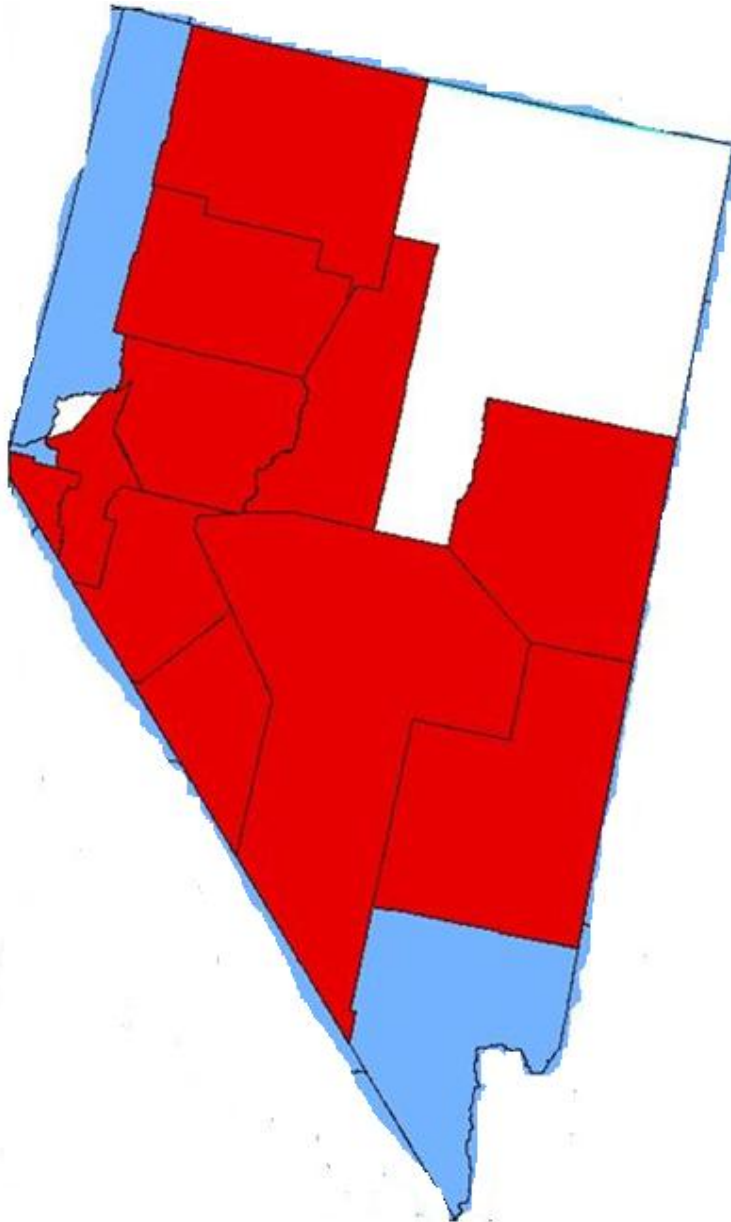
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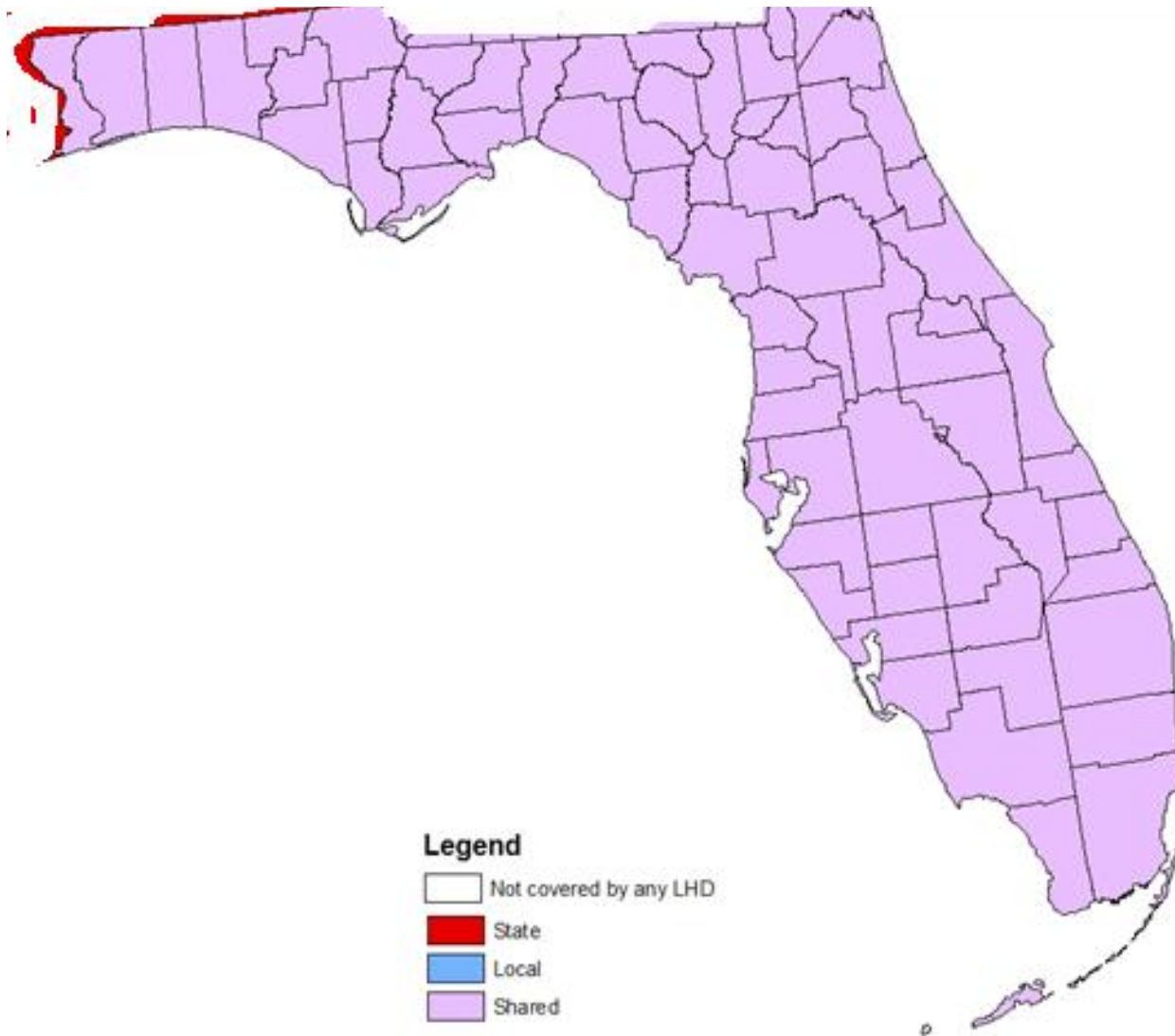
# Nevada

## Legend

-  Not covered by any LHD
-  State
-  Local
-  Shared



# Florida



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